



➤ **Our Mission:**

To utilize education, training, and volunteer service to better prepare Ankeny and its citizens for the hazards that threaten our community.

➤ **What we do**

The Ankeny Community Emergency Response Team (ACERT) is an all volunteer organization that is trained to prepare for and assist in the response to disasters and emergency situations in our community. ACERT members are CERT trained and First Aid and CPR certified.

To promote preparedness in the community, ACERT members provide educational programs concerning emergency and severe weather preparedness. Members also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

When emergencies do happen, ACERT members can give critical support to city staff and first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, manage emergency shelter locations and lead search and rescue operations.

In conjunction with the:

- City of Ankeny
- Director of Emergency Management
- Ankeny Fire Department

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➤ **Shelter Management**

A disaster has happened and you must evacuate your home, but where will you go? The City of Ankeny's emergency response planning includes the designation of approved shelter sites which will be available for displaced individuals or families in these situations. The Shelter Management Team works with the American Red Cross to evaluate and approve designated sites. In the event of an emergency or precautionary evacuation, this team will partner with the American Red Cross to manage the shelters.

➤ **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Support**

In order to effectively respond to an emergency, communication and teamwork are paramount. The EOC is a protected site from which government officials coordinate, monitor, and direct emergency response activities during an incident. ACERT volunteers assist in setting up the EOC's floor plan, connecting computers and telephones, distributing necessary forms and providing assistance to EOC activated personnel to enable its efficient operations.

➤ **Search and Rescue (SAR)**

A patient with Alzheimer's wanders away from home, a hunter or hiker becomes trapped in the wilderness, a school child is missing... Search and rescue is often a life-saving event and the ability to save a life is often dependent upon how quickly the person can be found and accessed. Our search and rescue group involves the location, rescue, and initial medical

stabilization of victims who become lost or trapped. NASAR (Nat'l Assoc of Search and Rescue) training is available.

➤ **Severe Weather Preparedness**

Even with all the technology used by the National Weather Service, severe storms can develop quickly and with little or no warning. Do you know what to do if you are caught out in the open and lightning begins to strike? Do you know what supplies to keep on hand during the snows of winter? The Severe Weather Preparedness Team will teach you how to be prepared for and how to respond to the unique situations caused by severe weather in Iowa whether it is tornadoes, lightning strikes or a blizzard.

➤ **Emergency Preparedness Team**

The City of Ankeny has an Emergency Operations Plan that describes what will happen during an emergency situation. It details the specific actions to be taken, the individuals responsible for them, and outlines how they will be coordinated. Each household should have its own Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Preparedness Team will teach you how to put together your plan and your preparedness kit that will see you through the first few days of an emergency.



Yes, I want to volunteer for the following team/teams.

_____ Shelter Management

_____ Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

_____ Search and Rescue

_____ Severe Weather Preparedness

_____ Emergency Preparedness

Yes, I want to schedule a presentation by the following team/teams.

_____ Severe Weather Preparedness

_____ Emergency Preparedness

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Best time to contact me:

_____ Morning

_____ Afternoon

_____ Evening